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WENDIG, Fritz			SD			
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DESCRIPTION:	Date of Birth	Birthplace	Nationality			2
SCHEND, Fritz		Abbasia	Germany			2
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION						
DESCRIPTION: Amt VI.						
PROFESSION: Cover						
Subject is in charge of all espionage activities in ITALY. His associate is Hauptsturmführer KLEINER. The HQ of this unit is at Schloss LABERS near MERANO approximately V846927 on Sheet 4. 2						
DESCRIPTION: Work in 1940-41 agent for Amt VI. SS-Beauftragte Missionen & Amt IV. 2						
SOL DEP., II AG; at 7th Army HQ. SECRET work concerned with Smith. 2						
SCHEND, SS Sturmf. Fritz						
WENDIG, Fritz						

FPA-7052
5/17/45

It is reported that HILLER in 1945 ordered the manufacture of false pounds, francs and dollars, with the intention of selling this faked currency in occupied Europe against gold, jewels and other valuables. HILLER appointed SS Stubaf. Dr. WENDIG (qv-qx) as head of this operation. WENDIG died in 1944 and was replaced in 1944 by Subject who still goes by the name of WENDIG. Valuables purchased by the sale of this faked currency were in reality used to finance RSHA operations. At the approach of the Allied armies in Germany, Subject evacuated to Liran (North Italy) with important stocks of faked currency and valuables purchased therewith. Others involved in these operations under Subject are said to be SS Ostuf. DAUSER, Graf WILZEL, and George SPITZ (all qv). Subject is now believed to be hiding in Liran.

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It is reported that the false money used by the RSHA (see above source) was sold on the black market against gold and jewels which would then be supplied to agents as payment.

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Subject, the paymaster of the buying agents involved in the RSHA financial operation, has been arrested; also arrested was Oberstleutnant ISCHMANN (qv). Subject was in charge of European financial operations for the RSHA under Staf. SPACIL (qv). Subject is present is being interrogated by SCI in an effort to determine the whereabouts of other persons involved in the RSHA operation and to discover the location of any RSHA dumps or caches of valuables. 1b

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LWX-4
6/10/45

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EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)
 (2)(A) Privacy
 (2)(B) Methods/Sources
 (2)(G) Foreign Relations

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Subject was interrogated again at 7th Army HQ. He has written a report ** 1348 which is in process of being translated. In view of the fact that there is LIX-010-618 evidence that Subject is lying, a thorough interrogation when the personnel 6/15/45 is available is planned. It appears that most of the personalities involved in the RSHA Operation are still located at Merano.

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Information from this source refers to WENDIG - probably meaning subject but may possibly be SS Stabat. Dr. WENDIG, (qv-Cor): DAUSER (qv) 5/16/45 introduced George SPITZ (qv) to Subject c. end of 1943. DAUSER had secured identity papers for SPITZ but Subject said that SPITZ could not just have them without doing something in payment. Therefore, upon threat of reprisals, SPITZ was sent to Belgium by Subject to buy foreign currency, gold, jewelry and pictures. SPITZ learned that 50 agents were being run for this purpose throughout the occupied countries. The Brothers BLASCHKE & a certain WAGNER (qv-all) were particularly active in this RSHA financial operation. Also, chief advisor of Subject was GYSSLING (qv).
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In order to gather further information on the RSHA financial operation LIX-61 and to discover the location of the agents involved, Subject and George SPITZ (qv) were taken by SOI to Merano, where Subject formerly has his headquarters. In Merano it was found that the following agents of Subject had been arrested: Oscar and Rudi BLASCHKE, Harald WÄRINGER, Dr. Giovanni NEUHOLD, Dr. George GYSSLING and Jack Levy VAN HARTEN (all qv). Subject is now engaged in writing a history of the entire RSHA Financial Operation which will be forwarded.
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1. IX 523 (8768) 2. B 1319
7/27/44 (B 2037)
March 1945
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3. A-54760
B-2460
Barn:Z
D-2
April 10, 1945

Early in 1944 Himmler formed independent command known as SPECIAL COMMAND SCHWENDT. SS Lt. Col. SCHWENDT was placed at its head. SCHWENDT's mission was to purchase abroad a variety of objects - gold, diamonds, securities, raw materials, finished luxury products etc., and report directly to Himmler. Large sums of English bank notes were placed at SCHWENDT's disposal. Latter's office was at Trieste, then Merano, then Milan. Purchases were stored in Merano in the SS-Truppenwirtschaftslager, former Alpini depot. From there they were gradually distributed among important party members or hidden in caves in the Reduit.

4. FPK-7052, 5/17/45. 1b
5. LIX-002-519, 5/19/45. 1b
6. ** 1332, LIX-4, 6/10/45. 1b
7. ** 1348, LIX-010-618, 6/18/45. 1b
8. FPK-7053, 5/16/45. 1b
9. LIX-61, 8/8/45. 1b
10. B-1819, (B-2037), F-4, 8/3/45. 1b
11. LIX-50, 7/20/45. 1b

12. XI-8568, 6/21/45, p.23. (6th Intern. on Klaus HÜGEL) 1b
13. ** 1658, JZK 1947, 8/9/45 (Intern. on Hildegarde BEITZ) 1b
14. XI 7047, 6/8/45 (Intern. of H. KÄPFER). mbo

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STAFF
DEPARTMENT

B-1819
(B-2037)
F-0
c.5/45

Source gives information on one Bela TAR, possibly connected with Subject: TAR wanted to return to Switzerland and in order to get permission he was introduced to WENDIG (Subject?) and KLEMENS (qv) who proposed to him that he return to Bern and get a job with the American or British Legation in order to secure information. TAR was also to get a package of dollar and pound notes a week which he was to sell on the Swiss black market.

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Subject was formerly in charge of purchasing agents for RSHA Amt II. Subject has been moved to Stadelheim Prison, Munich, from 7th Army IC. 7/20/45 George SPITZ (qv) visited Subject at Stadelheim and persuaded Subject that his best chance would be to confess his activities with the RSHA and to cooperate with SCI. Subject agreed to collaborate and to write out a history of his own activities and a list of the RSHA personalities known to him. He also agreed to turn over to SCI all hidden valuables which he knew of. Subject was taken out of Stadelheim Prison and accompanied by SCI representatives and SPITZ was taken to a small town in the Austrian mountains where he had buried some gold. The gold was dug up by Subject. It amounted to 7139 pieces of French and Italian origin and, according to Subject, the value of the money is about 200,000 dollars. This money had been buried by Subject a few days before the arrival of the Americans. The burial place was known also to Subject's secretary and probably to other members of the RSHA. The money constituted a possible threat to Allied security as it could have been used to finance anti-allied activities.

SCHWEND, Friedrich (aka Dr. Wendig, Mr Wenceslay or Veneslaus TURI) (PERIOD)

HEQA-3669
18 Nov 59

(Also requests traces from ~~Guayaquil~~ Lima, La Paz & hqs on GLAVAN-which already Requests traces on subj, "who has apparently been SIME's principal source of info on Aloy Vyekoslav GLAVAN (see file in Peru CS section on GLAVAN) - Schwend is a German who claims to have worked for a U.S. service on Corrie related matters foll his capture as a Cor in tank officer toward end of W.W.II.

HPLA- 3564
25 Nov 59

No info on Glavan - foll was found on Schwend: On 30 Jan/ira Fritz Schwend, alias Turi, foreign currency operator for CIS and wife, Hilda, were rptd living in Lima under name Veneslaus Turi. Subject was arrested and interrogated by CCS in June 1945 in an attempt to recover hidden CIS funds. He was reportedly at that time as living from proceeds of these funds, which he succeeded in camouflaging from the Americans. Another report says subj took the name "Turi" in order to secure false papers and care to L. S.

HEQ-W- 2309
info Lima, La Paz

Forwards complete hqs traces on subj (and GLAVAN)

Guayaquil, Sept.

1 March 1960

HEQA-4030

Both Schwend and Glavan could not be found by SIME in Guayaquil. No passports or tourist cards issued either person; official SIME conclusion is that the two of them left the country clandestinely, probably north to Columbia. (See doc for further details)

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Subject has been placed under house arrest at the home of George SPITZ. Subject is engaged in writing up his own activities and a list of RSHA personalities. Another trip with Subject is being planned; Subject will put SCI in contact with all of his agents and also locate the caches of other hidden valuables.* The further position and possible employment of Subject is under consideration and proposals concerning him will be submitted..

* (See source #9 listed here).

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Subject had worked for Amt VI since 1940. Is a German who lived for some years in the USA where his aunts own big factories and millions of dollars. Then he came back to Europe to administrate the European fortunes of these aunts.

mhc

INR-002-1008a

10/8/45

Interr. of H. BEETZ

JRI-607 8-29-45 Subject head of agency in Merano, organized for commerce of
valuables captured in Italy and particularly for sale of Pounds
Sterling. This agency was under direct orders of the Police
Direction in Berlin. Previously the agency had its main offices
in Trieste and Abbazia. It was known as "SCHLOSSLABERS".

B-2057 3/16/45 Rough sketch of the location of Schloss LABERS, near Merano.

II 10064

Dec 4th 1945

BUSCH Interr.

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SCHWEND, Stubaf. Fritz (a WENDIG)

Reely 24-1000-1000 DPS

9/43 subject established Dienststelle WENDIG which later became sole outlet for counterfeit pourts of Unternehmen Bernhard. In Summer 44 subject met SPACIL (qv) into the scheme as bookkeeper. Subject always kept personnel restricted and kept control of the operation. Made substantial raiseoff. Early history: Before 39 managed finances of BUNGE (wheat magnate), in US. Returned to Germany shortly before outbreak of war and offered self to Foreign Office. Assigned to RSHA in semi-advisory capacity. HIMMLER selected him for Bernhard because of financial influence - much Italian real estate and good Italian connections through partnership with rich father-in-law Dr NEUHOLD (qv). An accomplished crook.

XX 10918, (CI-IIR/47)
Hq USFET, MISC, 2/6/46,
Ustuf. Rudolf GUENTHER

SEE: LNX-15 AGENT SERVICE RECORD, Vet files

XX 9249 Sep 4, 1945

AMT VI B; arrested in American zone.

OUT 58113 WASH 2081
TO [] 30 Jan 1948

Request traces.

TEL W 273 5 Feb 1948

Pouch. Gives biographical info.

MGFA 727 OSOTS 508
16 Feb 48

ODDI gives case to GMGUS Financial Division for investigation. Glavin(denouncer of Subj) claims he is living on camouflaged RSHA funds.

MGMA 366 24 Feb 48

No contact with Subj bimonthly 45. [] may know more about his activities.

MGFA-856 30 Mar 48

EUCOM office no longer involved or interested in Subject.

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Subject permitted to visit his family in Italy and thence migrated to Brazil. He wrote twice explaining his course and affirming that he will always remember the Americans for the kind treatment he received. When he supplies permanent address in Brazil, it will be forwarded to Washington/ FSO-1546 HSC/Ops/33 19.3.47

Subject reported by Vjekoslav A. GLAVAN (qv) to be living with wife in Lima, Peru under name of Y(or V)enceslau TUR(or H)I from proceeds RSHA funds he succeeded in camouflaging from Americans. Funds forwarded to him by one Carl FLUTTERLEIB (qv), Geneva. Current status Subject requested.

No further info on Subject.

Request for traces on Subject.

To:

IN-33727
HEID-2840
27.1.48
CUT-58113
WASH-2081
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Pouch to 5.2.48

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INX 010-910 10 Sept 1946 Agent in RSHA "Financial Operation" in charge of Section Balkans-Italy. Wide knowledge of personalities and underground groups in Italy, Yugoslavia and Germany.

HSC OPS 33 19 March 1947 Emigrated to Brazil after visiting family in Italy. Writed to Caviar.

For documents of which Subject is the source see folder:

INX 15 In Vet Files. Agent Service Record.

HSC OPS 33 19 March 1947 Subject emigrated to Brazil via Italy

IN 33751 FRAN 628 27 Jan 1948 Subject reported to be living with wife in Lima, Peru under name Y(or V)enceslau TUR(or H)I.

IN 33727 HEID 2840 27 Jan 1948 No connections with Subject. No additional information.